WELCOME TO SPRING HURLBURT!

TRAVEL EXPO **APRIL 30TH** SOUNDSIDE

J.R. Rocker's Karaoke Idol Competition Egg hunt at the

Community Park

Supplement to the Commando

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Photo courtesy of the Hurlburt Field Dive Club

Members of the Hurlburt Dive Club prepare for another underwater adventure.

Fun above and below water

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Now that the weather is turning warmer, many people are making plans to enjoy the great outdoors, particularly anything to do with our beautiful Emerald Coast waters. Hurlburt Field's Outdoor Recreation has two great places for authorized patrons** to venture out into nearby waterways.

For fun above the water, visit the Hurlburt Marina located in Building 92423, on the beachside of Highway 98 across from Hurlburt Field's main gate. Hours of operation are seven days per week from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (closed on holidays). The marina has a wide variety of watercraft to choose from: pontoons, fishing boats, water skiing boats, jet skis/wave runners, canoes/kayaks and sailboats. Hourly and daily rates are available.

However, before renting any powered boats, all drivers will need to take a Boat Safety Class, which is held Thursdays at 2 p.m. and Saturdays at 10 a.m. at the Beachside Outdoor Recreation Building 92473, telephone 884-6939. Rental of wind powered boats also requires an applicable boat safety class, but please call Outdoor Recreation for the latest schedule.

If you already own a boat you can rent a boat slip. Two boat ramps are also available, at no charge.

According to Jim Hernandez, of Hurlburt Field's Outdoor Recreation, three more pontoons are scheduled to be purchased this summer, and plans for an additional dock with boat slips are being developed. For more information, please call the Hurlburt Marina at 884-4097.

For fun below the water, join the Hurlburt Dive Club located east of the Soundside Club in Building 90920. If you need to take scuba diving lessons, you're in luck. Scuba classes will be offered for Basic Open Water Certification on the following Sundays: April 11 and 25 as well as May 9 and 23. The course cost is \$105 (due at sign-up), \$55 for books and certification (paid to instructor at the first class session) and boat fees (to be determined before any trip). Students must provide their own mask, snorkel, fins and booties. These items are available for purchase at the Dive Club. All additional gear is provided.

Classroom sessions are held at the Dive Club and pool sessions are held at the Hurlburt Field Base Pool. Please sign-up at the Hurlburt Dive Club Fridays from 5 to 7 p.m. During peak season from May through November, the Hurlburt Dive Club is also open Mondays from 5 to 7 p.m. For additional information, please call 884-7930 and leave a message or visit the dive club Website at www.hurlburtdiveclub.net.

**AUTHORIZED PATRONS

The use of Hurlburt Outdoor Recreation Center is limited to active-duty and retired military, DoD civilians, base contractors, their family members and

I WANT YOU... TO GET OUT **OF TOWN!**

UNCLE SAM SAYS... IOIN US AT THIS YEAR'S TRAVEL EXPO. SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 30 AT THE SOUNDSIDE CLUB. THE ANNUAL EVENT BRINGS MORE THAN 80 VENDORS FROM FIVE STATES TO HURLBURT FIELD. INFORMATION ON HOTELS. CRUISES, THEME PARKS AND MUCH, MUCH MORE WILL BE AVAILABLE THAT DAY.

IN ADDITION TO THESE GREAT RESOURCES, THERE WILL BE TRAVEL GIVEAWAYS IN EXCESS OF \$ 10,000...THAT'S NOT A TYPO THAT'S A REAL FIGURE !!!

JOIN US FROM 10 A.M. TO 1 P.M. FOR A GREAT TIME. THERE'S EVEN A \$ 5.00 FISH-FRY LUNCH PLANNED - SO COME HUNGRY!

